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Dirksen Hints Probe Of Space Quiz 'Leaks'

By the Associated Press

Senate Republican Leader Dirksen of Illinois hints the Senate may investigate reported leaks of secret intelligence information given Congress behind closed doors.

In a Senate speech yesterday, Senator Dirksen quoted a column by Joseph Alsop as saying "the hard, disturbing facts and figures in the testimony of the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Allen W. Dulles, before the Space Committee can now be revealed on undoubted authority."

Senator Dirksen asked:

"Who is this undoubted authority? Who has made available, in whole or in part, or in paraphrase or in capsule form, any of the testimony given by the director of the CIA?"

"That becomes a very serious question when one is dealing with the whole problem of national defense and national security." He added:

"I think it is something that merits further attention by the Senate."

The issue of the reported leaks had come up in an earlier exchange between Senator Saltonstall, Republican of Massachusetts, the administration's Senate spokesman on defense matters, and Senator Symington, Democrat of Missouri, an outspoken critic of the Eisenhower defense program. Senator Symington is a potential candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

When Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, balked yesterday at discussing certain military matters at a public hearing by the Senate Space Committee and Preparedness Subcommittee, Senator Saltonstall backed him.

Senator Symington on Mon-

day had threatened to make public the Dulles comparison on missile strength if anyone questioned what Senator Symington said on the subject.

The Republican National Committee got out a statement yesterday saying, "If Symington is going to treat top-secret intelligence with such disdain, it becomes the responsibility of the Democratic leadership to see to it that no such information reaches his hands." It said revelation of such information "would be an act of total, reckless irresponsibility."

Chairman Johnson of Texas said late yesterday his Preparedness Subcommittee has deferred further testimony by Secretary of Defense Gates pending further testimony by Mr. Dulles.

Senator Johnson said the decision was made after his group late yesterday heard testimony from Gen. Twining on intelligence estimates. The Johnson hearing is in recess today.